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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FUTURE POSITIONS FOR EVRON

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1. WHEN I SAW EVRON TODAY ON OTHER BUSINESS, I ASKED WHEN HE WOULD ASSUME HIS NEW POSITION AS "POLITICAL ADVISER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY." IN RESPONSE HE SMILED AND SAID THAT HE THOUGHT HE WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MFA UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS. WHAT HAPPENED THEN, AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, WOULD DEPEND ON WHICH PARTY CLAIMED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PORTFOLIO. HE WAS PLEASED TO KNOW, OF COURSE, THAT ALL THREE OF THE LABOR PARTY LEADERS - PERES, ALLON, AND EBAN - HAD URGED HIM TO STAY. PERES HAD MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS BECOMING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (VICE AMOS EIRAN), IF THE ELECTIONS PLACED PERES IN A POSITION TO NOMINATE FOR THE THAT JOB. LIKEWISE, EBAN HAD SAID THAT IF HE BECAME FOREIGN MINISTER HE WOULD LIKE EVRON TO MOVE UP TO BECOME HIS DIRECTOR GENERAL.

2. WHEN I ASKED ABOUT REPORTS OF HIS GOING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON AS AMBASSADOR, EVRON MERELY SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT WAS THE "LEAST LIKELY" POSSIBILITY AT THIS TIME.

3. HE ADDED THAT PERES HAD TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING A COORDINATING ROLE TO GET THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO WORK MORE CLOSELY

TOGETHER. EVRON SAID THAT FRANKLY HE DID NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS ENTAILED BUT IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

4. COMMENT: EVRON HAD TOLD ME EARLIER THAT, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HE AND HIS WIFE WERE PLEASED TO BE REMAINING IN ISRAEL. THEIR YOUNGEST SON WAS BEING CALLED UP FOR MILITARY SERVICE (ANOTHER SON WAS KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT IN THE U.S.) AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE HOME DURING HIS PERIOD IN THE ARMY. IN ANY CASE, EVRON IS A "WANTED" MAN. DUNNIGAN

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